

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Case CM-2157

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In the Matter of :  
 US National Phase Entry :  
 Under 35 USC 371 from :  
 International Application of :  
 Morrison et al., :  
 Int'l Application No. PCT/US00/16916 : Group Art Unit : N/A  
 Filed on June 20, 2000 : Examiner : N/A

For Detergent Particles and Processes for Making Them :

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

The Assistant Commissioner of Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Before computing the fees for entering the captioned International Application into the US National Phase, please enter the following amendments.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please delete current claims 1-15 and replace with the new claims 16-30 below.

16. A method for making a detergent particle said method comprising the steps of: selecting detergent base particles having a geometric mean particle size from 500 - 2500 microns; and, adhering detergent active particulates to the detergent base particles in a moderate to low shear mixing step, wherein the detergent active particulates have a geometric mean particle diameter no greater than 40% of the geometric mean particle diameter of the detergent base particles and comprising a detergent active selected from perfumes, enzymes, photobleaches, catalysts, soil release polymers, suds suppressors, bleaching compound, whitening agents and layered silicates.

17. A method according to claim 16 in which the geometric mean particle diameter of the detergent active particulates is below 200µm.